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It is certified that errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

On "Sheet 60 of 115," in "FIG. 60," in logic box "704," "PSEUD-HALFTONING" should read -- PSEUDO-HALFTONING --.

COLUMN 26:

Line 22, "if" should read -- If --.

COLUMN 32:

Line 12, "color," should read -- color --.

COLUMN 35:

Line 36, "continuos" should read -- continuous --.

Line 38, continuos" should read -- continuous --.

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COLUMN 49:

Lines 26-35, "if (D<thres1)

$$I_y(L_x^z + P_{lz}^c, L_y^z + P_{ly}^c) = 1, 1 \le c \le C$$
 (2.1)

else if (D<thres2)

$$I_y(L_x^z + P_{mz}^c, Lyz + Pmy^c) = 1, 1 \le c \le C$$
 (2.2)

else

$$I_y(L_x^z + P_{hz}^c, L_y^z + P_{hy}^c) = 1, 1 \le c \le C$$
 (2.3)" should read

as follows: (continued on the next page)

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COLUMN 49: (continued)
-- if (D<thres1)

$$I_{\nu}(L_{x}^{z}+P_{lx}^{c}, L_{\nu}^{z}+P_{l\nu}^{c})=1, 1 \le c \le C$$

else if (D<thres2)

$$I_y(L_x^z + P_{mx}^c, L_y^z + Pmy^c) = 1, 1 \le c \le C$$
 (2.2)

else

$$I_y(L_x^z + P_{hx}^c, L_y^z + P_{hy}^c) = 1, 1 \le c \le C$$

(2.3) --.

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COLUMN 54:

Line 16, "
$$I_y(L_x^z + P_{hz}^c, L_y^z + P_{hy}^c) = 1, 1 \le c \le C$$

(2.3)" should read

--
$$I_y(N \cdot L_x^z + P_x^c, N \cdot L_y^z + P_y^c) = 1, 1 \le c \le C$$

(2.5) --.

COLUMN 58:

$$\begin{split} & \text{Line 4, ``}\Delta D = M \cdot V \cdot \Sigma I_y \big(N \cdot L_x^z + P_x^k \,, N \cdot L_y^z + P_y^k \big) \\ & - \Delta D = M \cdot V - \Sigma I_y \big(N \cdot L_x^z + P_x^z \,, N \cdot L_y^z + P_y^k \big) \end{aligned} \tag{2.1} ``should read''$$

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